

GREAT BRITAIN'S BUYING AMERICAN "EMBALMED" BEEF FOR HER FORCES IN THE TRANSVAAL

ANOTHER BIG FIRE

C. J. BAKER AND AWNING FACTORY TROYED.

BUILDING A TOTAL RUIN

COMBINED LOSS WILL BE ABOUT \$65,000.

Origin of the Fire Unknown—Mr. Baker Estimates His Loss at Between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

With \$40,000 Insurance.

Fire completely gutted the four-story brick building occupied by the C. J. Baker Tent and Awning Company, at 415-417 Delaware street, last night. Only the blackened, tottering walls and shattered windows remain.

The fire broke out at about 10 o'clock, and the flames were seen to rise from the building.

Mr. Baker, of the Baker Tent and Awning Company, estimates his loss at \$50,000.

He carried from \$2,000 to \$3,000 insurance.

George Bullin, of Chicago, owned the building and fifty feet of ground. He bought it about six weeks ago through Crutcher & Welch for \$17,000. It was insured.

The building is worth about \$5,000. Nobody knows how the fire started. Many theories were made, but Mr. Baker accepted none of them as probable. Probably the most plausible explanation offered was that one of the gas pipes with which the building was plumbed was leaking and that a spark from the engine room ignited the gas and spread from there. This, however, is merely a theory.

The alarm was turned in by someone who was passing on the street about five minutes before 9 o'clock. Within a few minutes seven engines were at work, two at Missouri avenue, two at Sixth, two at Fifth, and one at Fourth and Delaware streets. They at once put on 14 pounds pressure. All the hose would stand, and stretched down every street in front of the building, two from each engine. The fire was hoisted immediately in front of the blazing structure on Delaware street, until the nozzle was level with the fourth-story window sill.

A strong horizontal stream was played there for two hours without cessation. At the same time the thirteen other lines of hose were sending powerful streams into the windows of the second and third stories, both from the street and from the alley between Delaware and Main.

The entire population of the North end surrounded the block in which the flames were raging, and mobs of excited people came rushing down every street and hanging to every north bound car.

By 9:15 p. m. 30,000 people were on the scene, crowding and elbowing to get closer.

The police formed lines across Delaware street at Fourth and Main streets and held the crowds back so that the street in front of the building was entirely clear. Flames, coming from the roof, were rolling up through the roof and every window, and the fire was spreading toward the north and east. The fire was spreading toward the north and east. The fire was spreading toward the north and east.

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THE FIRST BATTLE

BOERS AND BRITISH MET IN ACTUAL CONFLICT IN NATAL.

BOERS SEIZE ARMORED TRAIN

DERAILED IT AND THEN FIRED ON IT WITH ARTILLERY.

Fifteen British Soldiers Killed—Heavy Storms Are Expected to Delay Further Hostilities for a Few Days—Free State's Army.

LONDON, Oct. 14.—An Edinburgh paper, the Scotsman, this morning asserts that a battle has taken place between General Sir George Stewart White, commanding the forces in Natal, and the Boers, who entered Natal by way of Van Reenen's pass. General White, the Scotsman says, is very sanguine of the success of the British movement.

The foregoing report is considered to be correct, as late last night the war office had news of a British advance from Ladysmith, and was hourly expecting further intelligence.

A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from its correspondent at Ladysmith, dated at noon on Friday, says:

"A strong mobile column under General Sir George Stewart White, accompanied by General Sir Archibald Hunter, proceeded before daybreak this morning toward Acor Homes for the purpose of reconnoitering. General White's object was to observe what was going on and also to test the mobility and efficiency of his forces. All the men are well and the weather is now fine."

According to dispatches from Ladysmith to the Standard and the Daily Telegraph, dated Thursday, heavy storms have begun and forage is scarce on the veldt.

Therefore, nothing is expected to happen for a few days, unless the Boers, who were reported to be advancing, should threaten the British line of defense, drawn from Glencoe Junction to Ladysmith. In this case, according to the dispatches, no apprehension is felt as to the result. General White has twelve guns and the Boers eleven.

The Daily Mail's Cape Town correspondent, telegraphing Friday evening, says: "I learn on good authority that the Boers are attacking Mafeking. They are reported to have already suffered several repulses. It is generally admitted that Vryburg cannot stand a strong Boer attack."

The war office has received the following dispatch from the general commanding the Cape forces:

CAPE TOWN, Oct. 13, 1:40 p. m.—An armored train from Mafeking, escorted two seven-pounder guns from here to Mafeking, was attacked last night at Kraaipan. Apparently a rail had been removed. The train left the track, and the Boers fired into it with artillery for half an hour and captured it.

"Telegraph communication with Mafeking is interrupted at Kraaipan. The women and children have been sent to Cape Town. The guns referred to belonged to the colonists. They are light and of old pattern. We have no details as to casualties."

The Evening News publishes the following dispatch from Cape Town:

"An armored train has been destroyed south of Mafeking. Fifteen British troops were killed. The Boers shelled the wreckage after the train was derailed."

The announcement that the Boers had destroyed an armored train is calculated to bring home to the "man in the street" the realities of war. Attempts are made to liken the occurrence to the blowing up of the United States battleship Maine in Havana harbor, but that event occurred in times of peace. The Boers were doubtless within their rights as belligerents, if they are responsible for the destruction of the train.

The Daily Mail's correspondent at Dundee, Natal, says:

"Reports are circulated here that the Boers have reached Newcastle, but no confirmation of either this or of the reports of fighting at Mafeking and Ladysmith are yet arriving."

According to the Daily Mail's Cape Town correspondent, Mr. Schreiner, premier of Cape Colony, will unreservedly support the imperial government. His previous reserve was dictated by a desire not to drive the extreme Dutch residents to excess.

According to the same authority, the railway department had early intimation of the intention of the Boers to destroy railway bridges over fourteen streams, and sent adequate forces to protect these points. The result was that the Boers postponed the attack.

The Ladysmith correspondent of the Times, telegraphing on Thursday, says:

"A subsequent reconnaissance shows that the invading force from the Free State numbers approximately 12,000 men."

The Times explains this dispatch as evidently referring to a previous telegram which has not yet reached them.

The Times, this morning, discussing the situation, says:

"It is idle to ignore the fact that if the Boers make a determined advance on a large scale into Natal, as appears to be the case, a sustained condition of masterly inactivity might become hopelessly out of the question. We have no means of estimating exactly the number of troops at Ladysmith, Glencoe and Dundee, and if we had it would not be expedient to discuss that point. But if 12,000 Free State troops are to be reckoned in addition to Commandant General Joubert's contingent the situation is undoubtedly graver than it seemed yesterday and further details will be awaited with anxiety."

"A point in favor of the defense is that

ON ELECTION DAY

TWENTIETH EXPECTED TO REACH TOPEKA, NOVEMBER 7.

MUSTER OUT ON NOVEMBER 3

GOVERNOR STANLEY LEFT LAST NIGHT FOR KANSAS.

Kansans Are Out of Money, as They Have Spent Their All for Curious—Bringing Cans, Dogs, Monkeys, a Spaniard and Other Bric-a-brac.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 13.—(Special.) The mustering officer fixes November 3 as the date when the Twentieth Kansas will be mustered out.

The regiment will embark on three special trains on the evening of the same day, and it is expected they will reach Topeka about 9 a. m., Tuesday, November 7.

Governor Stanley left for Topeka last night, and Mr. Stanley leaves tomorrow for a visit with relatives in Los Angeles.

The Kansas regiment is most comfortably quartered at the Presidio, and Governor Stanley, of Company I, is the only member who has not yet left the city.

The boys are out of money, having expended everything they had in buying curiosities in Manila and Japan. They are bringing home enough stuff to equip a Smithsonian Institution. As an example, they have more than 5,000 cans made of Philippine woods. They have monkeys and dogs in numbers and a wilderness of inanimate souvenirs.

Company E has a Spaniard, who will come with the boys to Kansas. He was taken from the Philippines at San Fernando and has worked faithfully in the commissary department ever since. He says he wants to get a farm and a wife in Kansas.

The body of Will Snow, who lost his life while trying to board the Tartar, has not been recovered. Although boats have been constantly cruising the bay in search of it, no sign of the body has been seen.

On Sunday, the San Francisco Press club will hold memorial services at the club rooms, and to this ceremony all the Kansans have been invited.

TOPEKA, Oct. 13.—(Special.) General Plummer, Agent W. J. Black, of the Santa Fe, today completed a schedule for the three troop trains that will carry the Twentieth Kansas from San Francisco to Topeka. The schedule sends the trains through Kansas in the night. The date for the departure of the regiment from Frisco has not yet been fixed.

In the following time schedule "B" stands for breakfast, "D" for dinner and "S" for supper. At the stations marked "L" trains will be prepared by the Harvey people and placed on the train there, thereby necessitating only a short stop. An hour is allowed each train at meal stations.

The schedule is as follows:

1st Section. 2nd Section. 3rd Section.

SAN FRANCISCO. L 3:00 p. m. S 3:00 p. m. S 3:00 p. m.

MOJAVE. L 4:00 a. m. S 4:00 a. m. S 4:00 a. m.

BARSTOW. L 5:00 a. m. S 5:00 a. m. S 5:00 a. m.

ALBUQUERQUE. L 6:00 a. m. S 6:00 a. m. S 6:00 a. m.

L 7:00 a. m. S 7:00 a. m. S 7:00 a. m.

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MEAT AS WELL AS MULES.

Kansas City Packing House Received a Big Order for Canned Meats for Africa.

Kansas City has received part of the order of the British government for canned meats for the Transvaal campaign. Yesterday the Armour Packing Company was notified to ship four cars of canned beef to Cape Town, South Africa, as soon as possible. The order came through the commissary department of the British government, which is to be used in the Transvaal campaign.

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WHERE IS THE COPTIC?

Citizens of Armourdale Are Exercised as to the Whereabouts of Two Corporals.

There was much disappointment in Armourdale yesterday when it was learned that the two corporals of the Twentieth Kansas, who were expected to return to the regiment last night, had not yet been seen.

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